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*Special guests discuss the importance of teaching kids how to prepare for emergencies*

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**May 21, 2019** — Safety first. That is the message Principal Philip Carollo has for his staff and students at PS 56, The Louis DeSario School, in Staten Island. On Friday, May 10, the New York City Emergency Management Department and the Department of Education (DOE) presented the “Ready School of the Year” award to the staff and students of PS 56 for their outstanding commitment to emergency preparedness.

In the latest episode of “Prep Talk,” the hosts chat with Mr. Carollo and Keith Grossman, the director of emergency management at the DOE, about the importance of teaching kids how to prepare for emergencies. Find out what makes preparedness education a community approach, and hear Mr. Carollo’s blueprint for safety in schools.

You can listen to the latest [episode](#) on [SoundCloud](#), [iTunes](#), and [Spreaker](#).

**Profiles:**

**Philip Carollo’s** passion for working with children was born while coaching baseball at South Shore Little League as a volunteer. He graduated St John’s University and began his teaching career at PS 44, The Thomas Brown School. Mr. Carollo focused on educational leadership with a dual master’s degree from The College of Staten Island. He was promoted to assistant principal of PS 22, The Graniteville School, where he spent 7 years as assistant principal of safety and instructional technology. Most recently, Mr. Carollo was appointed principal of PS 56, The Louis DeSario School, in 2017.

**Keith Grossman** is currently the director of emergency management at the DOE. In this role, Mr. Grossman is responsible for system-wide emergency and continuity planning, shaping the role of the DOE in the citywide response framework, serving as the 24/7 point of contact for the DOE’s emergency services, and coordinating the agency’s resources during an emergency. Mr. Grossman also oversees the Resiliency, Hazard Mitigation and Accessibility Remediation programs. Prior to working at the DOE, Mr. Grossman served as the director of emergency management and life safety at Brookdale Hospital, the emergency planning chief at Brookhaven National Laboratory, and the emergency management coordinator at Nassau University Medical Center. Mr. Grossman holds a bachelor’s degree in English from Binghamton University, an advanced certification in emergency management from Adelphi University, and a master’s degree in public administration from Alfred University.



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